

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 7, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 I had a previous engagement that necessitated my involvement. I was speaking to students from Lakeland College during one of their American Government Classes. The Professor's name is Shane Roger and his class was American National Government. I missed procedural votes on the following votes—S. Con. Res. 50, which is a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multi-stakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived; H.R. 6602, which would make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements; and finally on S. 2367 the 21st Century Language Act of 2012, which removes references to the word “lunatic” from rules of construction of the U.S. Code and banking law provisions concerning: (1) trust powers of banks, and (2) bank consolidations and mergers.

Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on the above stated bills.

**A WORK OF ART IN MEMORY OF  
ART MODELL AND HIS GIFTS TO  
OUR WORLD**

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 7, 2012*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

A WORK OF ART  
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

A . . .  
A Work of Art this day . . .  
A man of faith,  
whose fine heart portrayed . . .  
Who on this day,  
up in Heaven has so found his place . . .  
Who in those early days . . .  
So helped to set the stage!  
For a new league to become all of the  
rage . . .  
The NFL, as history now so tells!  
What so in this man's heart so dwelled . . .  
A pioneer so very clear  
who a league held up so very dear!  
As an innovator,  
such a creator who'd so cast his spell . . .  
But, In The Game of Life his greatest touch.  
Was that he was a man who gave so much!  
For Thou Art was of such!  
And though most of his life's work . . .  
Was so given to and in Ohio first!  
To Cleveland and The Cleveland Browns,  
as he so gave so many gifts to this blue col-  
lar town . . .  
Until his heart would burst!  
But the hardest break up's of all,  
are first love's as we saw!  
As there was another blue collar town!  
Who so needed Art, so now!  
As it was one of those other teams,  
that which so made all of The NFL's dreams!  
Where Johnny It's U,  
brought the NFL into the modern age!  
For there has never been any greater NFL  
fan's,

than Baltimore's on any given Sunday who  
would rock those stands!  
As they so invented the word SELL  
OUT! . . . understand!  
And the way they were cheated was a shame!  
When, in came riding on a white horse to  
stake his claim . . .  
Was a man of such a great heart . . . as  
Modell was his name!  
And Baltimore may have lost their name,  
but in the end regained a team . . .  
As Art said, quote The Raven . . .  
about losing your team . . . it won't happen  
“Never More!”  
As a city which once “pondered so weak and  
wearily”,  
“once upon a midnight of Sundays dreary”  
over their lost loves for sure!  
As all around this State,  
suddenly upon each face a smile appeared!  
And you know that in the end,  
I'm sure for Cleveland he shed a tear!  
But, if you really wished to see all in what  
Art so believed!  
Look to his charities!  
For his greatest of all life's work,  
was that one that which he would not so  
shirk!  
Was to give to you and me!  
For this man's heart,  
In God and Country Tis of Thee so believed!  
Living by,  
Making The World a better place when you  
leave!  
As was his selfless motto for all to see!  
Now, up in Heaven Art and Vince on angels  
wings are watching the games on flat  
screen!  
So as we now so look back at all of the  
facts . . .  
Yes Art,  
a better world you so left indeed!  
As Art,  
your life was but a Work of Art for all to see!

**EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES TO  
THE FILIPINO PEOPLE**

**HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 7, 2012*

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, on December 5, 2012, Typhoon Pablo (international name Bopha) swept across the southern Philippines, devastating Mindanao and parts of the Visayas. 450 Filipinos are dead and more than 750 injured or missing. Over 10,000 homes were destroyed and over 300,000 people have been displaced and are seeking shelter at evacuation centers.

I would like to express my deepest condolences to the harmed individuals and families in the Philippines. Given the close relationship the United States has with the Philippines, it is essential that we assist the Filipino people as best as we can in their time of desperate need.

I commend the ongoing rescue and relief efforts. The search for the missing becomes more critical as time progresses and focusing on rebuilding will be the next vital step in helping the Filipino people restore their communities.

Again, I express my sincerest condolences to the Filipino people. As the holiday season approaches, we extend our support as the nation heals from this devastation.

**PALM BAY CHRISTMAS  
EXTRAVAGANZA**

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 7, 2012*

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on December 15, 2012, Palm Bay families, businesses and local community organizations will gather together to celebrate the Fourth Annual Christmas Extravaganza. This wonderful event, which will take place at the Max K. Rodes Park in West Melbourne, will provide an uplifting message of hope during this Christmas season as so many families are still facing difficult challenges.

“The House” of Palm Bay (House of Prayer International), Brevard County Parks & Recreation and their partners have recognized the importance of providing a positive venue for residents and children to celebrate Christmas.

What makes the Christmas Extravaganza so special is that there is no cost to attend—everything is free to the public. From cotton candy and hot dogs, to live music and fun activities for kids, the sponsors of this annual event have committed to serving others during this Christmas season and giving back to their community in order to make a difference in someone's life.

This year, over forty local businesses and organizations have made donations of food, gift certificates, equipment, cash and goodie bags. Toys for Tots donated hundreds of books for local children while police and firemen have volunteered their time. Even “Chagy the Clown”, a former Ringling Brothers & Barnum and Bailey Circus clown, will be in attendance.

Pastor Ken Delgado of The House of Palm Bay said, “At this time, especially at this season, when economic difficulty has been rampant, there's only a small window of opportunity to bring out the smiles in children's faces. To see the business community come together and create a venue where families can find hope and joy—it's really an example of the kind of peace and love as expressed to us through the life of Jesus Christ 2000 years ago.”

I commend all those who have given so much to make the Annual Christmas Extravaganza possible, and applaud all the communities across our great nation who have seized upon this opportunity to spread the Christmas spirit through good deeds and charitable acts.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 7, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 I had a meeting with my constituents from Shelby, Douglas and Cole counties in Illinois and I missed procedural votes on approving the Journal and motion to adjourn. I also missed one Suspension vote on H.R. 6582, which would allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals, and to make technical corrections to existing Federal energy efficiency laws to allow

American manufacturers to remain competitive.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the above stated votes.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE  
OF MICHAEL D. NEVIN

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 7, 2012*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great public servant and longtime friend, Michael D. "Mike" Nevin, a native of San Francisco. He died at the early age of 69 and leaves his wife Kathleen; his sons Mike Nevin Jr. and Tim Nevin; his daughter Michelle Nevin Levine; his father Edward J. Nevin and five grandchildren.

Mike Nevin was a proud American, and a man who loved his native city and his adopted county of San Mateo. He rejoiced in his Irish heritage, and this ancient culture, with its po-

etry of love and loss, which influenced him in his lifelong devotion to helping others less fortunate than he was, and to teaching others to live life as he did, in love, faith, friendship and service.

He had public service in his blood, and his constituents were the beneficiaries. He joined the San Francisco Police Department after graduation from City College and USF, and served with the Department for 27 years. Mike served as a Daly City Planning Commissioner, was elected to the Daly City Council, and was twice the City's Mayor. In 1992 he was elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, serving 12 years, and twice as President of the Board. He served on several boards and commissions and received many awards and commendations, including the Citizen of the Year Award from Daly City and the Papal Medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice.

Mike Nevin was an ardent and tireless advocate for universal health care, for better transportation, and for a ban on gun shows. He took on unpopular issues and had a vision of how things could be. He was able to lift others up and empower them to work with him in

pursuit of important policies. After learning how marijuana helped relieve the pain of a cancer patient, Mike advocated for medicinal use of the drug. He fought hard to protect funding for mental health services, always fighting for those who are overlooked by society. At the time of his death, Mike was the Executive Director of the Service League, a nonprofit organization that provides services to inmates, helping to rebuild their lives and become productive citizens. It was a perfect fit for a man of compassion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mike Nevin's family and his wide circle of friends. Former St. Ignatius College Preparatory School, San Francisco, President Anthony P. Sauer, S.J. said "Mike truly was a great man of a marvelous, wonderful, happy, very intelligent, giving, gracious, generous, social justice-oriented Catholic family. We will miss him terribly."

Mike Nevin loved his family, his faith, his community and his country, and he bettered us all by his life of meaning and purpose.